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SUBJ: WALT DISNEY WORLD SHOWCASE

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1. FOL COMMERCIAL CABLE RECEIVED OCT 5: "PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DISNEY TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN OMAN ON OCTOBER 24 AND BE THERE FOR MEETINGS 25, 26 AND 27 ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH THE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES FROM OMAN AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU UPON ARRIVAL IN THE ARAB WOLD ON OCTOBER 19 CONCERNING A POSSIBLE RECEPTION FOR OMANI OFFICIALS THE LAST DAY OF VISIT. AGAIN OUR THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. C. LANGHORNE WASHBURN."

2. PLEASE ADVISE MR WASHBURN THAT DESPITE OUR REQUEST BE ADVISED (REFTTEL), EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION WHATEVER ON WALT DISNEY WORLD SHOWCASE PROJECT OR HOW IT RELATES TO OMAN. UNTIL WE ARE INFORMED, EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE SUPPORT OR ASSISTANCE. DISNEY'S ADVANCE MAN SHOULD ARRIVE OMAN AT LEAST TWO WEEKS AHEAD
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IF HE INTENDS TO ARRANGE LOCAL RECEPTION, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT

MUSCAT HAS ENTERED ITS "HIGH" WINTER SEASON OF VISITORS AND EVENTS.

3. ALSO ADVISE HIM THAT BECAUSE OF ALREADY FIRM SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES PEAKING IN LAST TEN DAYS OCTOBER (USIA AND STATE DEPT INSPECTION TEAMS, AID VISITORS, EXIMBANK TEAM, POSSIBLE US DEPT OF AGRICULTURE VISITOR, AND OCT 26-28 VISITS BY USN DESTROYER, COMIDEASTFOR AND STAFF), EMBASSY CAPACITY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE DURING OCT 19-30 PERIOD WILL BE PRACTICALLY NIL IN ANY EVENT. WE SIMPLY WILL HAVE NEITHER THE TIME NOR BODIES JUST THEN TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL VISITORS OR PROGRAMS. ALSO, CROSS-SECTION OF OMAN'S LEADERS IS BEING INVITED TO OPENING OF LONG-SCHEDULED AMERICAN HANDICRAFTS EXHIBIT MOUNTED AS BICENTENNIAL EVENT BY PRIVATE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE WITH EMBASSY SUPPORT EVENING OCTOBER 27 AND I WOULD BE RELUCTANT HAVE ANOTHER "AMERICAN TYPE" RECEPTION SCHEDULED EITHER THAT NIGHT OR OCT 26 WHEN I AM HOLDING LARGE RECEPTION FOR COMIDEASTFOR AND DESTROYER. CAN DISNEY GROUP RESCHEDULE ITS OMAN VISIT FOR FIRST HALF NOVEMBER?
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